

Please cancel claims 31 and 33-51.

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 52-73 which were withdrawn from consideration.

**REMARKS**

In the Official Action mailed June 10, 1999, the Examiner rejected claims 23-30 and 32-51 in the present application. Claim 31 was allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim 23 and any intervening claims.

Applicant herein amends independent claim 23 to which claim 31 depends upon as requested. Claim 31 is herein canceled. Dependent claims 24 -30 and 32 depend from claim 23, and should also be allowed since they are dependent upon an allowable independent claim.

Finally, Applicant cancels claims 1-22, 31 and 33-73 in order to place this application in condition for allowance. Claims 23-30 and 32 are thus pending and recite allowable subject matter.

**CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 16436-709).

Respectfully submitted,

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